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SUBJECT: MEETING AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, MARCH 10 AT
MARRAKECH

FOR PAUL BOEKER, E/IFD AND ROBERT DUNCAN, AF

1. MOROCCAN MIN/FIN BENSLIMANE, WHO IS THIS YEARS' CHAIRMAN AFD, INFORMED AMBASSADOR THIS EVENING THAT HE HAD NOT RECEIVED RESPONSE FROM USG TO INVITATION HE UNDERSTOOD HAD BEEN SENT TO IT TO ATTEND MARCH 10 MARRAKECH MEETING OF BANK. MIN/FIN SPECIFICALLY ASKED AMBASSADOR TO SEND SOMEONE TO MEETING.

2. WE ARE AWARE THAT U.S. NOT REPEAT NOT MEMBER OF FKKE, THOUGH U.S. HAS PROVIDED SOME FINANCING. IT POSSIBLE MIN/FIN ASSUMED INVITATION SENT WHEREAS LABIDI IN FACT DID NOT REPEAT NOT INVITE U.S. AS NON-MEMBER.

3. MIN/FIN CLEARLY WISHES AND EXPECTS POSITION EMBASSY RESPONSE. EMBASSY IS INCLINED COMPLY, SINCE (A) MIN/FIN IS FRIEND WHO HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL ON VARIOUS OTHER OCCASIONS, AND (B) FAILURE RESPOND POSITIVELY, PARTICULARLY IS NOT PERSUASIVELY EXPLAINED, LIKELY BE INTERPRETED HERE AS NEGATIVE SIGNAL TOWARD GOM.

4. WE WILL HAVE TO SEND APPROPRIATE MISSION OFFICER BY ABOUT 5 A.M. LOCAL TIME MARCH 10 IF HE IS TO REACH MARRAKECH IN TIME, AND PLAN DO SO IF WE DO NOT RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS
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FROM DEPARTMENT. IN ABSENCE SUCH INSTRUCTIONS, MISSION

OFFICER WOULD PRESENT HIMSELF AS EMBASSY OBSERVER
ATTENDING CONFERENCE AT REQUEST FINANCE MINISTER OF MOROCCO.
OBVIOUSLY, HOWEVER WE WOULD PREFER HAVE DEPARTMENT'S
INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE TAKING ACTION, AND IN ANY CASE WE SHALL
APPRECIATE HAVING BACKGROUND AND GUIDANCE AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE.
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